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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS:PORG, OAS, PN

SUBJECT: BILATERAL WITH PANAMA'S FOREIGN MINISTER
GONZALEZ-REVILLA

IN LIGHT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, BILATERAL BRIEFING PAPER
FOR BREAKFAST WITH PANAMA'S GONZALEZ-REVILLA WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 15 AT 8 A.M. SHOULD BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. SUBSTITUTE FOLLOWING FOR PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH OF
SETTING (PAGE 2 OF BRIEFING PAPER).

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PANAMA JUNE 1 FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS AND WHEN THEY
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EFFECT OF PANAMA'S PROPOSED CHANGES WOULD HAVE RE-
DUCED U.S. FLEXIBILITY IN OPERATING THE CANAL DURING
THE TREATY PERIOD. YOU TOLD AMBASSADOR LEWIS JUNE 10
THAT WE WERE DISTURBED AT THESE CHANGES.

IN THE NEGOTIATING SESSION JUNE 13, AMBASSADORS BUNKER

AND LINOWITZ MANAGED TO IRON OUT SOME OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES ON THOSE CHANGES, BUT SOME REMAIN.

MOREOVER, OUR AMBASSADORS ALSO SECURED APPARENTLY FINAL AGREEMENT ON A NEUTRALITY TREATY TEXT, CHIEFLY BY AGREEING TO DROP THE "PREFERENTIAL PASSAGE" CLAUSE AND TO REPLACE IT WITH AN "EXPEDITIOUS PASSAGE" ONE. DISCUSSIONS ARE CONTINUING THIS WEEK. THE ECONOMIC ISSUE WILL PROBABLY SURFACE FORMALLY NEXT WEEK. (YOU MAY WISH TO REITERATE TO GONZALEZ-REVILLA IN VERY FIRM TERMS WHAT YOU TOLD LEWIS ON THIS.)

WE SENSE THAT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON THE REMAINING ISSUES COULD BE REACHED DURING THIS ROUND. WE WOULD THEN BE PREPARED TO COMMENCE THE TREATY DRAFTING PROCESS, AFTER ALLOWING A SHORT PERIOD OF CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH HERE (IN THE FORM OF AN NSC MEETING), AND DISCUSSIONS WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS WHICH ARE NOW GOING FULL SPEED. END TEXT.

2. ADD FOLLOWING ISSUE TO ISSUES/TALKING POINTS SECTION OF BRIEFING PAPER.

BEGIN TEXT: REPORT TO OASGA ON NEGOTIATIONS.

YOU HAVE WISHED NOT TO SEEM TO BE PRESSURING ON THIS.
WE HAVE PREPARED A DRAFT REPORT (STATE 136939) FOR
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YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT RECENT INTELLIGENCE REPORTS INDICATE THAT TORRIJOS REMAINS OPPOSED TO A JOINT REPORT, APPARENTLY FEELING THAT THE PANAMANIAN MEDIA WILL INTERPRET SUCH A REPORT AS A COVER-UP FOR THE LACK OF PROGRESS AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE.

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END TEXT. (NO TALKING POINTS)

3. INSERT IN THE ISSUE/TALKING POINTS ON THE STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS:

A. AT THE END OF THE LAST SENTENCE IN THE ISSUE

SECTION: BEGIN TEXT AND THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO
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